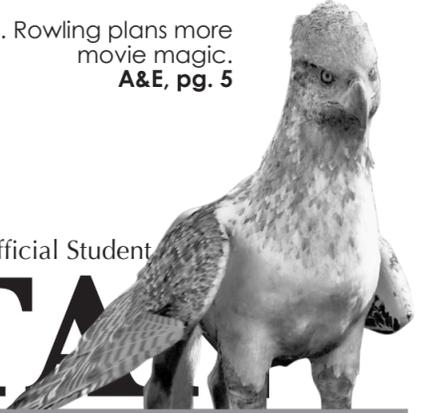


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## Fraternity for Push America



Jill Odom photo

Pi Kappa Phi hosted a philanthropy dinner for Push America at Zaxby's on Tues. Sept. 18. Of the money earned that evening, 10 percent went to the cause along with a raffle. Participants could donate one dollar for a raffle ticket, and the winner received half of the earnings from the evening.

## College sees new addition of school, focused on hospitality

Jacob Barber  
Staff Writer

The School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management is a newly formed department at Troy located within the College of Health and Human Services.

It offers a major in hospitality, sport and tourism management with students able to choose a concentration in the area of their choice.

Minors are available in the three areas plus one in recreation. The program is currently only available on the Troy campus and through eTroy.

Until now, sports management was housed in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, and hospitality and tourism management was available as a concentration in the School of Business.

However, Dr. Anthony Dixon, Interim Director of the school, believes the programs are a natural fit for each other.

"There are a lot of similarities—some synergies—that exist between hospitality, sport and tourism management," Dixon said.

"So we thought by removing both of those programs and forming our new school; one, it would make it easier for students coming on campus. They see, this is where sport management is, this where hospitality management is and then two, we could capitalize on these synergies between the three and provide students some core content on all three areas and then we break them down into concentration areas and provide the content for distinct differences in the concentration underneath those."

He believes the programs have a lot to offer interested students. Troy's sport management program is one of only eleven to be accredited by the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA).

Dr. Dixon added that tourism is a growing economic sector in Alabama and internationally, with few schools offering a specific concentration in the area.

Regarding the transition to the new school, junior hospitality major from Harare, Zimbabwe, Nyari Chanakira, does not see her education being affected much by this new change.

"In terms of bringing the school together, I think it's been a very positive effect on me," she said.

"Just the fact that I get to see other people that are majoring either in hospitality management, sports management or tourism or all three, and it's just great to see how much this major has really grown here at Troy because I think the department is really great and they work really hard."

"It's really interesting to know that we're a school of our own but I think we're still in the initial stages."

"We don't actually have our own building; we don't have our own designated place. So that's one thing that I think might just be a slight setback," Chanakira said.

Dixon said the new school is open to questions from interested students.

His office is located at 338-A Stadium Tower, and he can be reached by phone at 334-808-6424 or email at awdixon@troy.edu.

## Hazing scandal unveiled

Three members booted from fraternity; other discipline pending

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Staff Writer

After six "rogue" Pi Kappa Phi fraternity members took part in the hazing of a pledge, three were expelled from the organization, according to fraternity president Christopher Brooks.

On the night of Tuesday, Sept. 10, a pledge of the fraternity was found at the bridge on U.S. 29 by the Troy Police Department, trying to flag down vehicles after escaping from the tree he was tied to.

According to University Police Chief John McCall, the pledge had been tied to a tree and told to find his own way home by brothers of the Gamma Gamma chapter of Pi Kappa Phi.

According to a written police report made by the city police, filed the same night, the victim was covered in egg, eggshells and dirt. When the officer asked about the eggs the victim said he was egged before being tied to a tree beside the river.

When the officer made contact with the fraternity after dropping the victim off at the fraternity house, the president was investigating the incident.

According to the police report, the pledge educator "stated that he would find out who was involved and they would be punished and possibly expelled from the organization."

Pledge educator is a position given to an initiated brother who is responsible for organizing and implementing a brotherhood development program for new members.

The victim was asked whether he wanted to file a police report with the city, but told "One of the brothers indicated that they went back to find the pledge but he was gone when they came to the tree," University Police Chief John McCall said. "I think the demeanor with the pledge was that basically it was something he was going to have to do, so he agreed to let the brothers tie him to a tree. He acted like he was trying to get it over with and be a good sport about it."

McCall said there is an indication

that this has happened to Pi Kappa Phi pledges in the past. The fraternity has been trying to put it to rest, but some of the brothers were trying to bring back the tradition.

The Troy University student handbook defines hazing as any intentional, negligent or reckless action, activity or situation that causes another pain, embarrassment, ridicule or harassment, regardless of the individual's willingness to participate.

Such actions and situations include forcing or requiring the drinking of alcohol or any other substance, forcing or requiring the eating of food or any other substance, "treeing," paddling, lineups, theft of any property, road trips, scavenger hunts, permitting less than six continuous hours of sleep per night, conducting activities that do not allow adequate time for study, nudity at any time, running personal errands for the members (driving them to class, cleaning their individual rooms, serving meals, etc.)

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## Parking not a numbers problem but convenience problem according to Reeves

Emily Jackson  
Features Editor

Troy University has well within the number of parking spots to assume the national parking standard that is used by over five other universities within the state according to Herbert Reeves, dean of students.

Around 5,000 students were allocated parking decals for the 2013-2014 academic year for the 3,777 student parking spots on campus.

The national parking standard used statewide by schools such as Spring Hill College, the University of North Alabama, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the University of West Alabama and the University of South Alabama was used to determine Troy's parking standard.

According to the university records of-

office, the Troy campus has a student enrollment of roughly 7,000 students. The national standard requires 49 parking spots for every 100 students. Based on these numbers, Troy would need 3,430 parking spots to meet the national standard. Troy surpasses that number by 347 parking spaces.

"We do not have a parking problem," Reeves said. "We have a convenience problem."

Reeves has been over Troy's parking system for the last 13 years.

"We don't have a parking problem until the new arena lot and the north parking lot are full," Reeves said.

However, Reeves does admit that new construction on campus has created parking congestion, especially for residents of the Newman Center and

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Kelcie Hathcock photo

Campus police officer tickets a vehicle in the parking lot behind Patterson Hall. Often students, faculty and staff will park in areas not legally designated for them in order to be closer to buildings their classes are in.

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or forcing or requiring the violation of university, federal, state or local law.

According to the handbook, "Troy University does not condone hazing in any form."

McCall said hazing is a criminal behavior and can be a misdemeanor depending on whether physical harm results.

"In this circumstance there were no injuries," McCall said. "The pledge was just embarrassed, humiliated, inconvenienced and just left out in the woods by himself. Luckily, there was no harm done."

Brooks said that when he was informed of the incident, he found the new member in ques-

tion cleaning himself off in the public restroom of the fraternity house.

According to Brooks, he asked whether he had been hurt in any way, and the pledge shrugged it off as if it hadn't been a big deal.

He said it was fine and even asked Brooks whether it would affect his pledge process.

"I told him that the fraternity wants him as long as he wants to be here," Brooks said.

"The pledge said Pi Kappa Phi has a great thing going, and he wants to be a part of it."

The day after the incident the chapter held a standards meeting with the six individuals involved.

Brooks said that he, the standards chair and the rest of the chapter's executive board de-

cidated the best decision would be to terminate the membership of the three who were involved in the incident.

"Three of the six that were involved were expelled from the fraternity, and we're going to move on from there," Brooks said. "Our fraternity does not condone hazing of any kind and we look forward to moving past this incident with the actions we have taken."

After the incident took place, the fraternity was placed on a suspension by its national organization and the university.

The suspension required the fraternity to abstain from social functions including the cancellation of swaps, parties with other members of the Greek community, at its fraternity house.

The national organization's suspension was recently lifted after the paperwork describing the actions taken by the executive members of the fraternity was given to nationals.

Brooks said that as of now, the Gamma Gamma Chapter's university suspension will be lifted as soon as the paperwork concerning the actions taken against the members involved is finalized.

Chris Hager, the university's coordinator of student involvement and InterFraternity Council adviser, said that Greek chapters should understand that hazing at Troy University is not condoned in any shape, form or fashion.

"I serve on a national committee for hazing prevention, and I have seen what hazing

can do to chapters," Hager said. "I believe hazing does not build chapters up. It tears them apart."

According to Hager the chapter plans to go over its code of conduct. The fraternity's national organization will look at the chapter's new-member education program to make sure there is no gray area, such as any other hazing events or procedures concerning the pledging process.

The chapter will also conduct education and programming sessions internally as a part of its chapter action plan.

While he was not available for an interview, according to all sources, the pledge in question is continuing with his new-member process as a part of the fraternity.

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students at the School of Nursing. He said that this issue is under review by the Student Government Association and will be addressed.

John McCall, chief of the campus police, said that Troy University is a "pedestrian campus" and that students need to see it as such.

McCall said that he would urge students who need to park during busy hours such as the hours between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to utilize the shuttle system or park in the open lots on campus.

According to McCall and Constance Flowers, the assistant administrator for student involvement, these lots are available for parking for anyone with an updated parking permit. Open lots include the north stadium lot across from the fire station, the McKinley lot near the new arena and Fraternity Row.

McCall said that there are no plans for new parking construction.

"If we built more parking lots, I am not convinced that students would use them because the lots would not be in convenient places."

From noon to 1 p.m. on Sept. 18, 63 free parking spots were counted in the north stadium lot, the parking lot next to the football stadium field house. However, this count might have come out different if taken from 8-9 a.m., when most students are in class.

Despite the facts, Trojans of all ages and disciplines have opinions on the condition of the parking system. Some agree that we have a parking problem while others, like Reeves, see it as a convenience problem.

Jared Carlisle, a junior music education major from Valley, lives off campus and commutes daily.

"There is definitely a problem, but I feel as though it's more of a space issue rather than convenience," Carlisle said. "I don't mind walking, but I do get (annoyed) when I have to drive around campus hunting a spot and end up late for class."

In contrast, Taylor Dehne, a senior elementary education major from Ashford, also commutes. Dehne said that she typically does not have parking problems when she arrives at campus at 8 a.m.

"Personally, I have no problem because my first class is at 8 a.m. so I get great parking," Dehne said. "But other than that, yes, parking is an issue. There are not enough parking spaces for all the students."

"I know that I have ridden around for 20 minutes before, looking for a spot and was late for class. I would say it's a parking problem because there aren't enough parking spots or lots for everyone to park in," Dehne said.

Dr. Mark Walker, director of bands at Troy University, parks in the gated faculty lot next to Smith Hall.

"I think the larger we grow, parking is becoming more of a problem, but I think it's really more of a convenience problem," Walker said. "Too many people want to park right next to the building they have to go into."

"Over the years, I've seen people get in their cars next to Smith Hall and drive to the band practice field rather than walk. I've seen people drive from Bibb Graves to the stadium rather than walk. Like I said, I usually park in the lot between Smith and Hawkins and walk across the quad to Bibb Graves. I have no problem walking," Walker said.

## Redbox probable university amenity

Tatiannah Clarke  
Staff Writer

Movie watchers at Troy University may be in luck according to this week's Student Government Association meeting. The possibility of a Redbox machine placed on campus is in the works.

"Students at Troy are always asking for more amenities from the university," said Blake Crew, a junior social work major from Gardendale. "Having a Redbox on campus would provide a convenience to students, as they will no longer have to drive off of campus to rent a movie."

Providing a Redbox on campus was brought to the SGA's attention by students who not only would like easy access to movies whenever they want, but also have noticed machines on other university campuses.

The idea of having an on-campus movie vending machine is not a new concept for Troy, according to Crew. A proposal for such a convenience was first discussed three years ago, however initiative to move forward with the plan was never implemented.

"We are planning on bringing it back up to Dean Reeves to see if there is still an option for this on campus," Crew said. According to SGA officials, the time that it would take for the idea to come to fruition is uncertain; however, Crew promises that SGA will do all that it can to bring a Redbox to campus.

"I will see to it that my committee stays on top of this resolution to hopefully see it done," Crew said.

SGA believes that a Redbox machine will be just one of the many ways to accelerate Troy's position in the competitive collegiate marketplace.

Future SGA plans discussed at the meeting include a new student recreational facility as well as more student life amenities on campus.

## Daybook

### Thursday, Sept. 19

*Common Grounds "Coffee House," Christian Student Center, 8 p.m.*

This event is for anyone who writes or performs music to come and share their talent. The event is also open for people who write poetry.

### Friday, Sept. 20

*Trojan Soccer vs. Gardner-Webb, Troy Soccer Field, 4 p.m.*

This game is free to all students with a valid student I.D.

## Crime Log

### Friday, Sept. 13

#### Damage to Property

A black and yellow commuter street sign at Sartain hall was obstructed at 11:53 p.m.

#### Criminal Mischief Third Degree

The back driver's side glass was damaged at Heat Plant parking lot on campus at 1:28 p.m.

#### Suspicious Activity

Suspicious activity was reported at 3:36 p.m. in the Trojan Center parking lot.

### Sunday, Sept. 15

#### Criminal Trespass Third Degree

Trespassing was reported in university's stadium tower and football stadium at 8:01 p.m.

### Monday, Sept. 16

#### Damage to Property

The front windshield of a 2008 Ford Mustang was damaged at 2:17 p.m.

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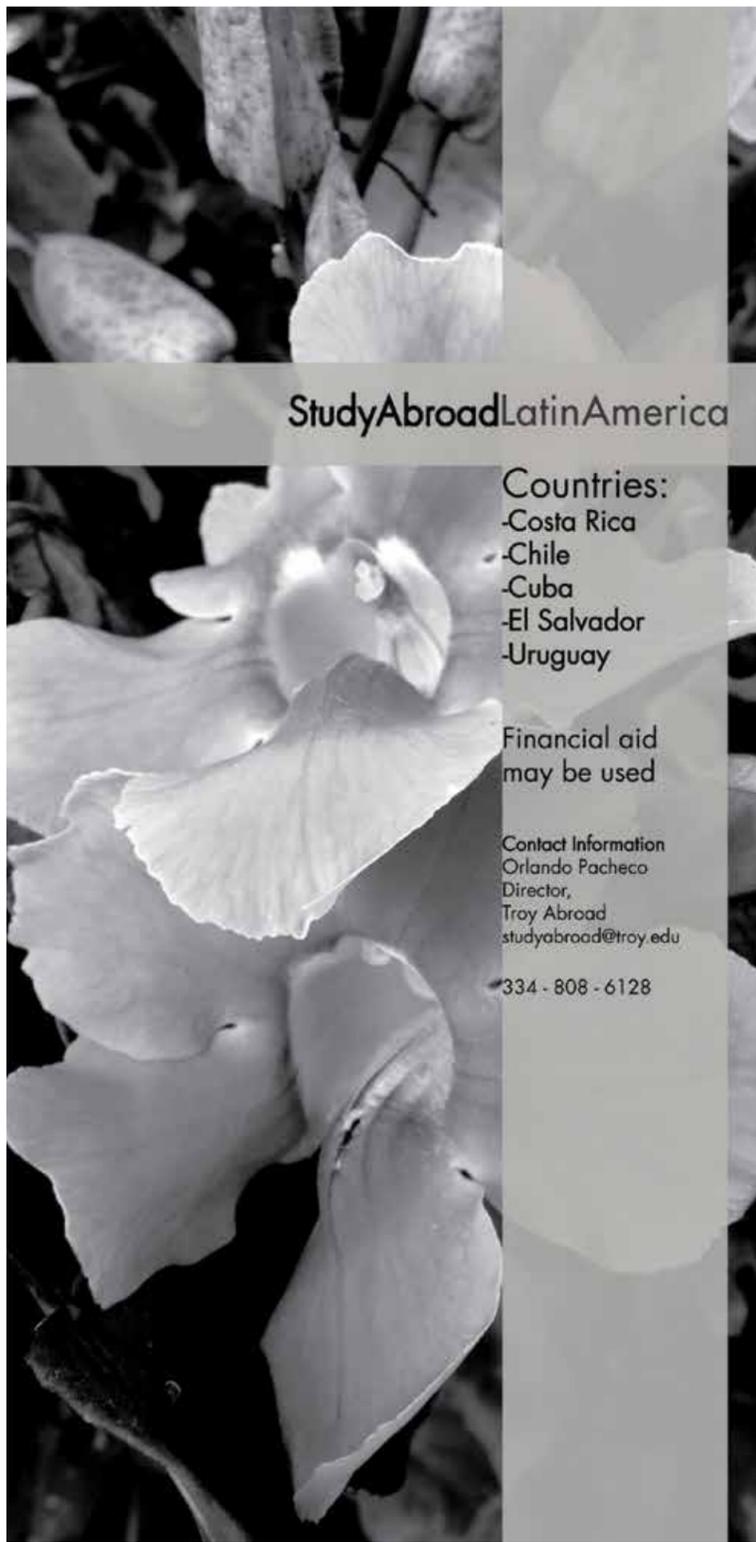
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## Study, surf in Spain

**Brittany DeLong**  
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To avoid the mundane life of Troy and its campus, one student went abroad to Zaragoza, Spain for a semester of his college life.

Craig Anderson, senior Spanish major from Shalimar, Fla., spent the 2012 spring semester abroad at the University of Zaragoza and extended his stay into the summer to experience more of the country.

"I went to a city of about 600,000 people directly between Barcelona and Madrid," Anderson said.

"I went as a third semester Spanish major so I knew no more Spanish than anybody else. Just one class really."

Despite his scant knowledge of the language, Anderson was able to progress from struggling to find the platform for his bus to the university to traveling the country alone.

"I got there and had a lot of difficulty finding my way," Anderson said.

"By the time I left, I could travel by myself within the country and make my own plans."

The class structure provided Anderson with some free time to explore the country and its scenery.

"I went to a couple different places: Barcelona four or five times, Madrid, Valencia, Xàbia, Grenada, north to San Sebastian and then to a small neighboring surfing village named Zarautz."

Anderson learned to surf in the city of Zarautz, which, according to stoketravel.com, is renowned worldwide as a surfing destination and home to many surfing schools.

Coming into the country with that limited amount of the language, Anderson started by taking classes to help with the language.

"Most of the courses I took were in a foreign language so I had to take the equivalent of ESL (English as a Second Language) to get adjusted to the language," Anderson said.

"I was in those classes three hours a day, five days a week for three weeks, and I took three courses."

Anderson aspires to go into an education career either by teaching Spanish here in the states or teaching English abroad. He says the monetary benefit abroad is very attractive.

"It might pay €20 an hour per student, and you can have a class of four so you're basically making a €100 an hour," Anderson said.

"I was an English tutor for a private citizen, and they paid me privately."

Anderson said study abroad is a rewarding experience, and he recommends that students participate early in their college careers rather than close to their graduation.

"You absolutely cannot get anywhere close to the experience you have traveling, and I have international contacts now for if I need somewhere to stay or advice on where to go."

Anderson says the study abroad was not expensive; the hosting university funded his tuition.

"I paid for food, room and board and travel costs," said Anderson. "My tuition was all paid for by the funding university (University of Zaragoza)."



Top: Anderson visited surfing village Zarautz where he enjoyed surfing.

Bottom: Anderson poses (bottom left) with Spanish dorm mates.

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## Appealed FHilanthrocakes cooks for cure

How to appeal a parking ticket

**Chrissy Brown**  
 Copy Editor

Parking tickets at Troy can be prevalent and costly. However, not all violations have to stick. Students have the option to appeal parking violations by going through a simple process.

A committee within the Student Government Association (SGA) can review tickets. If the committee believes that the ticket is unjustified, it will be repealed.

The first step of the appeal process is to visit Constance Flowers, assistant administrator for student involvement, in the SGA office.

"The first thing I ask is 'When did you get the ticket' and find out the date, as long as it is within the 72 hours they can appeal the ticket," said Flowers.

If the ticket is eligible for appeal, the student is then given some paperwork to fill out concerning why they got the ticket. The ticket is then stapled to the paperwork and given to Flowers, who enters the appeal into the database.

There are five students appointed from the SGA to be the deciding committee behind whether or not the ticket will be nulled. These meetings are held on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. in Trojan Center room 215.

"They sit and read the application and they make the decision on whether that student has violated the traffic rule. They make

the decision on whether you have to pay the ticket or if it was voided," said Flowers.

There are certain violations that will result in immediate fines.

"If a student parks in handicapped spot, that's an automatic fine, unless they can prove that the car has been registered with the university police," said Flowers. A student must have a tag registration and handicap permit.

"If they can't produce that then they're going to have an automatic fine."

Another automatic no is if a student blocks a dumpster. This results in the student's car being towed.

After five parking tickets, the vehicle will receive a boot. It costs \$50 to have the boot removed from the wheel. According to Flowers, most of the time the vehicle will also be towed at the owner's expense.

There are three open lots on the university's campus. As long as the car has an up-to-date decal, anyone can park there. These lots include the new arena lot, the north stadium lot near the field house and fraternity row.

Tickets are issued for parking in the wrong zone, expired decals, pulling through a parking spot and many other reasons.

"If they see you've broken a violation in that brochure, they don't care if it's midnight, they're going to write you up," said Flowers.

**Taylor Foxx**  
 Staff Writer

Music blaring, pancakes sizzling on the grill, crowds socializing late on a Tuesday night – it hardly looks like a simple pancake dinner.

FHilanthrocakes brings together Greeks and non-Greeks to raise the awareness of leukemia and lymphoma cancer types and feed the hungry in Pike County in a joint effort by the FarmHouse Fraternity and Troy University Dining Services.

FHilanthrocakes was begun by the Kansas State chapter of FarmHouse and was adapted by Cody Farrill, a senior political science major from Panama City Beach, Fla. and the current president of FarmHouse and the SGA, as the current philanthropy effort by FarmHouse in 2012.

FarmHouse provides the manpower, Troy University Dining Services provides the location

and food while the community comes together to raise money and awareness.

The first event in 2012 drew a crowd of 275 and raised a total of \$2,100. Last year Troy University's Farmhouse chapter raised a grand total of \$8,000 to help find a cure.

Over 300 attended this year's event, raising a total of \$2,300. This event is part of a two-part effort to raise awareness.

During the afternoon, FarmHouse set up a station for "Be the Match" in the Recreational Quad. This event allowed for students and teachers to register as blood and marrow donors in case of a possible match to a cancer victim.

"The goal of FHilanthrocakes is to raise awareness of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society over eating and socializing," said Cody Farrill.

"We aren't doing this event in the Fraternity house because we want the focus to be away from simply

being a Greek event but we wanted to focus instead on the entire campus coming together for a cause."

This annual event also benefits the community of Troy and Pike County. Half of the evening's earnings are donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Pike County as a part of Troy University Dining Service's annual "STOP Hunger" initiative.

"Troy University Dining Service strives to develop great relationships with our student organizations," said Sheetal Nangia, the marketing director at Troy University Dining Services, "Working together at events like FHilanthrocakes is an example of how much we can achieve if we only pull our resources together."

During the evening, FarmHouse fraternity presented the "Friend of FarmHouse" award to Troy University Dining Services in recognition of their service.

This philanthropy strikes close to home for many.

"My grandmother died of leukemia," said Josh Herbert, a sophomore biomedical major from Montgomery, "To raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society brings me great joy." Herbert worked the grill, serving pancakes during all four hours of the evening.

FarmHouse's next fund-raising event is their Halloween Party, which will be held on Oct. 30. For more information, contact Parker Adam, FarmHouse's philanthropy chair, at farmhouse@troy.edu.



Left to right: Nolan Vinson, Chase Wafford, Cody Farrill, Brandon Gunibel, Garrett Hinote, Ben Hall, Drew Murray, Colin Cowart, Will Black.

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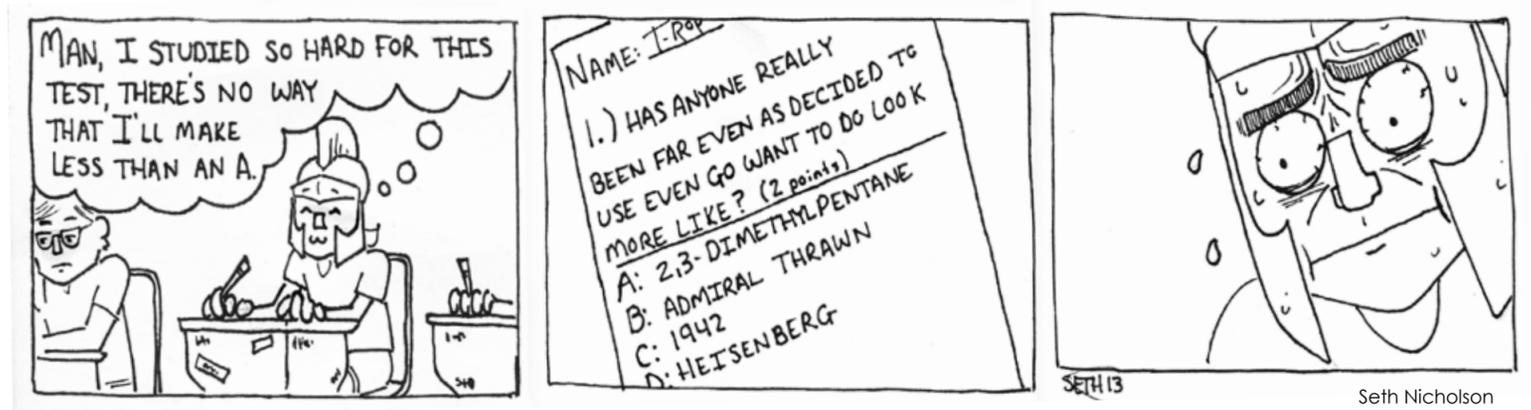
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## Troy Alum, former SGA President calls upon our generation for self-reflection, change

Within the past week, there has been a substantial amount of local and national media attention directed to an article in the University of Alabama's student newspaper, The Crimson White (CW), entitled "The Final Barrier."

The article, written by Abbey Crain and Matt Ford, chronicles the attempt of sorority alumnae to block the recruitment of a certain potential new member.

The woman, by all accounts, was someone who met and exceeded all of the standards required of the members of Panhellenic sororities – she was salutatorian of her high school class, graduated with a 4.3 GPA and came from a politically-connected Tuscaloosa family.

Many people quoted within the article stated that she would have received a bid from any sorority of her choosing, but there was one factor that provoked certain

alumnae advisors to block her recruitment. She is black.

Crain and Ford's account of the events that transpired surrounding the woman's recruitment is one of the most well written (and damning) pieces of investigative reporting I have ever read.

To preface the rest of my remarks, I want to be perfectly clear that I am not writing this column to criticize anyone or any group at Troy University, Greek or non-Greek. The only people I wish to openly criticize are the sorority advisors at the University of Alabama implicated in the CW article, who will apparently stop at nothing to deny a person membership to certain organizations on the basis of race.

The purpose of this column is not to rebuke, but instead to offer a question to ponder.

At which point do we say "enough is enough?"

At which point do we

draw the line in the sands of time and begin to fundamentally change the society we live in?

It is no secret to anyone that discrimination has been a thorn in the side of the state of Alabama for decades.

I would offer that discrimination is a problem so deeply woven into the fabric of our society that we fail to recognize the many forms and places in which it exists.

It is present in our workplaces, our own homes and, yes, even in our religious institutions.

Let me be forthright in informing you that I have not always been a torch-bearer for racial, ethnic, gender and social equality.

Indeed, I have occasionally found myself in some way, shape or form in a similar frame of mind as

those sorority advisors at the University of Alabama who chose to perpetuate racism and discrimination in the South instead of seeking to eliminate it.

Recently, however, I have found myself

changing from within.

That change has been the product of extensive amounts of self-evaluation and self-reflection.

The color of a person's skin, their personal beliefs, sexual preferences or religion does not matter to me.

It is not my place to judge someone according to such factors.

There are those who criticize me for thinking in this manner, but I will apologize to no one.

It is my challenge to

you – my hope and prayer – that we as a student body, and a university as a whole, may seek to find a solution to this problem that continues to cast a dark cloud over the state in which we live.

Robert Kennedy once wrote that in order to incite change in a society, the answer is to rely on youth.

We are a generation that has long supported a more inclusive society – a society that chooses to judge someone by the content of his or her character.

Change starts with us.

We find ourselves in the year 2013 having made great strides in the interest of equality for all.

But judging by the article written in the CW, we have a long way to go.

You and I have all the resources at our fingertips to make the necessary changes that will pave the way for a more equitable society for all.

In order to incite such

change, however, we must first search within ourselves and ask all the hard questions.

We must look at ourselves objectively and be our own, and society's toughest critic.

For if we do not live in a society that is kinder, and more compassionate than those sorority advisors implicated in the CW article, we have failed.

If each of us individually chooses to change within ourselves, to eliminate our own biases and prejudices, to see everyone as equal, and to embody the change we wish to see in the world, we might provide the society we live in with a healthy dose of something it so desperately needs.

Hope.

**Will Thompson**  
Former Troy University SGA President

## Say WHAT?

The Tropolitan asked a random sampling of students the following question:

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"It's long overdue. The thing I like most about it is that it's very colorful, yet minimal." -Hannah Favre, a senior Psychology major from Tallasee



"I really like the design. I think it's sleek and easy to use." -Chrissy Brown, a senior rehabilitation major from Auburn



"The iOS 7 update has changed my mind from switching carriers and going android to staying with Verizon and upgrading to the iPhone 5s. It is extremely user friendly, looks great and will set the iPhone apart from its competitors." -Jesse Gonzalez, a junior criminal justice major from Huntsville



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## Inspired student leads film club

*Troy University Documentary Club begins its second semester discussing disability*

**Zachary Winslett**  
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The Troy University Documentary Club offers students an opportunity to watch, discuss and create documentary films.

Chad Downs, a junior marketing major from Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., is the club's founder and president.

"Basically, the club does two things: we watch documentary films and discuss them, and we make them," Downs said.

According to Downs, the Documentary Club is geared toward broadcast journalism and marketing majors, but there is no particular demographic.

"If you're interested in documentary films, producing them, and you have time— if you're into all those things— this club is for you," Downs said.

Downs went as far as to say that those interested in just "new things" were



Hannah Crews photos

**Chad Downs, a junior marketing major from Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., speaks to the Documentary Club. Downs suspects that the club will grow, and he estimates it currently has 13 to 16 members.**

more than welcome.

For those wary newcomers that are not always inclined to spend time watching documentary films, Downs assures prospective members that boredom is not a foreseeable concern.

"The films we watch

are not dull: they're eye-opening."

Downs has plans for the club to make eye-openers as well. The prospective documentary— which will be the second self-produced documentary for the fledgling club— this year will focus on campus

accessibility for disabled students.

The idea was pitched during the club's first meeting by disabled students themselves.

"Whenever I asked them what they wanted to film and they said [disability], I knew it was

meant to be," Downs said.

The Documentary Club and Downs suggest that the Troy University campus promotes itself as a disability-friendly campus despite some contradictory issues.

"We're not looking to bash Troy, but we're look-

ing to shine light," Downs said.

They plan to begin filming immediately.

Downs had the idea to start the club after his time abroad in Vietnam. He was the first student from Troy University to study there.

He described his experience overseas as inspirational, which led to the inception of the Documentary Club. His cultural invigoration while abroad "instilled" him with initiative.

"If you have an idea, always try and act on it."

The Documentary Club has meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Trojan Center room 212, and it has a Facebook page, which can be reached by searching "Troy University Documentary Club." Members plan to begin filming on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between noon and 4 p.m.

"We care about each and every member," Downs said.

## Bestiary births movie adaptation

**Chase Robinson**  
Copy Editor

J.K. Rowling and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. are reuniting to attempt more movie magic.

On Thursday, Sept. 12, Kevin Tsujihara, CEO of Warner Bros., announced a spin-off film series set in Rowling's Harry Potter setting.

The series will be based on "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." Fantastic Beasts was originally a fictional textbook mentioned in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." Rowling went on to write a small version of the textbook.

"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" was published alongside "Quidditch Through the Ages," another fictional Hogwarts textbook written into reality by Rowling, by Bloomsbury Children's Books in 2001 for Comic Relief, a charity that aims to positively change the lives of the disadvantaged.

"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" is a bestiary, compiling information on magical creatures throughout the world of the books.

Rowling will make her screenwriting debut with Fantastic Beasts, which will follow the fictitious author of the text, Newt Scamander.

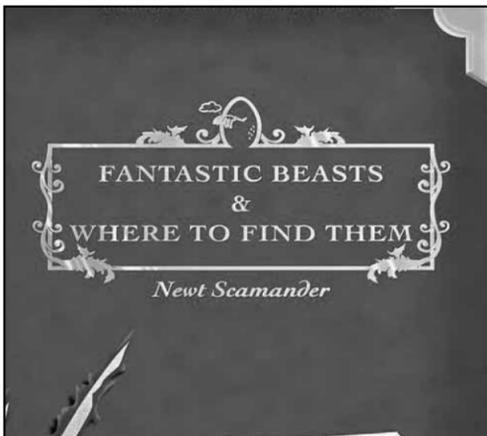
Rowling said that Warner Bros. approached her about the project.

"I thought it was a fun idea, but the idea of seeing Newt Scamander, the supposed author of 'Fantastic Beasts,' realized by another writer was difficult," she said. "Having lived for so long in my fictional universe, I feel very protective of it, and I already knew a lot about Newt. As I considered Warners' proposal, an idea took shape that I couldn't dislodge. That is how I ended up pitching my own idea for a film to Warner Bros."

According to Rowling, the story will begin 70 years before the original Harry Potter series in the late 1910s to early 1920s in New York City.

Based on information in the introduction to "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," Newt Scamander will be a young Ministry of Magic employee hired to write a guide to the world's magical creatures.

According to the book,



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**J.K. Rowling's bestiary builds the wizard world.**

Scamander's journeys will take him "from darkest jungle to brightest desert, from mountain peak to marshy bog." Scamander will visit five continents and hundreds of countries in pursuit of information on the creatures in his book.

Because of the time difference, it's unlikely that many familiar faces will be able to return in the films, but the new films may offer audiences a chance to see much more of the wizarding world.

Scamander's adventures offer Rowling the opportunity to portray the Potter setting on a much larger scale. The films will

be the first time that the wizarding world outside of Britain is portrayed in detail.

The story also allows for a wide variety of curious and exotic creatures to appear on screen. "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" includes everything from familiar mythic beasts like dragons and unicorns to strange and original monsters like lethifolds and horklumps.

Warner Bros. will also develop the series in to video games and other products, including content on the interactive Harry Potter website, Pottermore.com.

## Quality Enhancement Plan hosts memoirist

**Kianna Collins**  
Staff Writer

Afternoon with an Author, a series of events dedicated to encouraging faculty and students to read and understand the reading process, began this week. Various visiting authors will speak about reading and literature. The first Afternoon with an Author took place on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Wendy Reed was the first author to speak in this series. Reed, an Alabama native, is the author of "An Accidental Memoir: How I Killed Someone and Other Stories" and a documentary filmmaker.

Reed used humorous tactics to speak about banned books. She donned a pair of glasses with a fake nose and mustache attached and began to list the elements a book must include to be banned.

Banned books were a point of contention for Reed. Reed said that parents' desire to protect children from these books is more hazardous than allowing children to read them.

Reed then told a story about how reading has ruined her life.

Reed learned how to

read before her peers, became entranced with books and scrambled for



**Wendy Reed**

more to read.

She passed these traits to her children. Reed was actually pulled over for leaving the light on inside of her car to let her son read.

Reading makes the brain work harder and work differently.

"It was awesome to have an open-minded and accepting author on a small, southern campus," said Kayli Pledger, a freshman collaborative education major from Spanish Fort.

According to Hal Fulmer, associate provost and dean of undergraduate and first year studies, the next Afternoon with an Author will be sometime in October.

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## Student involvement leads to experience for the work force

**Jill Odom**  
Variety Editor

Some students, regardless of how long they've been in school, think that if they have a perfect GPA they will get the job of their dreams, end of story.

Sorry to burst your bubble, but getting a job takes a lot more than simply having a 4.0 for four years.

When teachers, parents and other adults talk about "building a résumé" that isn't a suggestion.

A résumé is a crucial part to letting employers know what type of skills and experience you have.

A résumé is made up of education, experience and special skills. Imagine how foolish you will look if you hand the interviewer a piece of paper that only mentions the high school you attended and the college you recently graduated from.

As much as you hate to hear it, extracurricular activities are necessary to have a résumé worth reading. Keep in mind, however, less serious activities like LARPing aren't likely to help you either.

The goal is to join organizations where you will develop skills that apply to the job field you hope to enter one day.

These groups help prepare you for the real world and the expectations held there.

Employers want to see that you take your future seriously and that you were proactive in getting ready for the new world you are entering.

Some students think that if they commit to an organization or join too many their grades will go down. Balancing commitments is a vital skill that must be learned eventually. So why not practice in college?

If you find you are too involved, scale it back to what really matters. Grades may slip, but proper time management is another ability that is needed in any career.

Remember, always try to get your school work done first, but don't let involvement be the excuse for getting Cs and Ds in a class.

Another word of advice for those paranoid about falling GPAs is that employers don't want perfectionists.

Yes, they want someone dedicated to putting out a quality product, but they

do not want someone who stresses over the little details and ends up missing the big picture.

For the students who claim there are no organizations that apply to them or their majors, here are a few.

Those who are interested in getting into politics, join SGA, the College Democrats or the College Republicans.

Students interested in music can join the Collegiate Singers, Concert Chorale, Gospel Singers, The Sound of the South, jazz ensembles and so forth.

Those who want to work with publications can get hands-on experience editing student submissions for the Rubicon or working at the Palladium, creating a yearbook.

Anthropology majors have the Anthropological Club and the Troy Archaeological Society.

Athletic trainers have an Athletic Trainers club. Sport Management Club is good for any student wanting to enter into athletics and learn what goes on behind the scenes.

Let's not forget about journalism students. Students majoring in journalism have several options open for them to help prepare them for joining the work force.

Troy has its very own TV studio, TrojanVision, where broadcast majors can try their hand at all the different positions required to make a news station work.

For those in print journalism, there is the Tropolitan. Here writers can work their way up to editor positions and learn about layout and the different elements that come together to create a newspaper. Photographers can also build portfolios by covering the various stories that the Tropolitan publishes.

Don't just look at campus organizations either, see if there are internships, volunteer work or just good ole fashion jobs you can do.

Employers want people with experience. Working at McDonald's can prepare you for working with difficult people and coping with rough hours. It can help you appreciate your real job when you get it.

Grades may play a part, but college is also the place where you grow the skills and abilities that you will need if you want to survive on your own. Find out what your department offers for organizations and internships.

## Five reasons to do something crazy/creative with your hair

**Faith Karwacki**  
Perspectives Editor

### 5. You're young/in college

These are the years in which we experiment with who we are and discover ourselves as individuals. Nothing says "new beginnings" quite like moving to a different area, making different friends and doing something adventurous with your personal style. It can be anything from testing out bangs to trying a full-blown Mohawk.

### 4. It's a great conversation starter

My freshman and sophomore years in college, I was plagued with crippling shyness. When I decided to start dying my hair again, all sorts of people would approach me just to strike up conversations about my choice in hair color. Many of these conversations were the beginnings of some wonderful friendships.

### 3. It serves as an outlet for artistic expression

When I started dying my hair, I found experimenting with different cuts and color combinations to be incredibly

cathartic. My hair would change on a bi-monthly basis, and a lot of the color changes were a result of something as simple as expressing a mood I was in. I even dyed my hair fire-engine red after a breakup.

### 2. It grows back

It really does, I promise. I think most of us have had a hair-related experience that left us hiding behind a baseball cap for two months. Bad haircuts happen, but it's best to discover what cuts work best for your features now than to experiment in a professional setting.

### 1. It will help you become more assertive

This is probably the most important reason, in my opinion. Experimenting with your personal style - especially dying and cutting your hair however you please - is an incredibly liberating experience. That feeling of owning who you are as a person will help lift you to a place in which you feel comfortable making decisions that impact your personal life.

If this article helped encourage you to finally try something you've wanted to try with your style for a while, great! Own whichever look you decide to adopt, and continue rocking it as long as humanly possible.

## Last week's Sudoku Solutions

9	3	2	1	6	5	4	8	7
7	1	4	8	3	9	2	5	6
5	8	6	7	2	4	9	3	1
1	2	7	6	4	8	5	9	3
3	5	9	2	7	1	6	4	8
6	4	8	9	5	3	7	1	2
2	9	1	4	8	7	3	6	5
8	7	3	5	9	6	1	2	4
4	6	5	3	1	2	8	7	9

## Trojan Treasure: Model UN forges solid professional networks

**Lauren Coughlin**  
Staff Writer

For new readers, the Trojan Treasures section features a new or unheard of organization each week. If you want to have your organization mentioned, then please email TropVariety@gmail.com.

The fifth Trojan Treasure is the Model United Nations and Model Arab League team, a competitive group meant to challenge students and forge solid professional networks.

It is also meant to provide the leadership, research, writing, debate, speech-making, negotiating and problem-solving skills relevant to college students' résumés and their academic and professional futures.

The Model UN/Model Arab League will have its first official meeting to plan for the Southeast Regional Model UN conference (SRMUN) and elect officers on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 2:30 p.m. in

MSCX Room 337.

Participants in the Model UN and Model Arab League travel to conferences attended by other college students to represent a given country within a selected committee of either the United Nations or the Arab League, two important intergovernmental organizations comprised of 193 and 22 countries respectively.

These participants become "delegates" of that country and work with other students through simulations in an effort to collectively solve the world's problems as these organizations do in real life.

The group at Troy is both a Model UN (MUN) and a Model Arab League (MAL) team.

This is because of the limited number of MUN and MAL conferences in the Southeast. There are more MUN conferences in this region in the fall and MAL conferences in the spring, so students have the opportunity to compete

in both.

This academic year, the club's tentative plan is to attend the Southeast Regional Model UN conference in November, the Southeast Regional University Model Arab League in March and Model UN Emory in April.

"I would love to see Troy's Model UN competing internationally in the next few years," said Martin Morante, the group's former president and recent graduate from the Sorrell College of Business. "We have the talent to win abroad but are only lacking the funding to do so. We are hopeful that the administration will begin to support [MUN/MAL] because of the experience it provides students and for the opportunity for Troy to be represented outside Alabama by some of its brightest students. Some colleges recruit new students with the prestige of their Model UN team, and there is growing potential for Troy to do the same."

Participating delegates compete at

conferences for individual "delegate" awards and school-wide "delegation" awards. MUN/MAL at Troy has proven successful. The group's advisor, Dr. Davis, frequently reminds his students that "except at our very first conference, the team has won an award at every conference they have attended."

More information on the group can be found on their Facebook page, "Troy University Model United Nations," or by contacting their president at lcoughlin@troy.edu.

**Model Arab League**



**Model United Nations**

## Word Games

1. esroh riding

2. horobod

3. RAIN 

4.   
SECRET  
SECRET  
SECRET

### How to play:

Each of these word games represents a saying or pop culture/entertainment reference. Think literally to solve. Answer are in the lower right corner

### Solutions

4. Top secret  
3. Rainbow  
2. Robin Hood  
1. Horseback riding

## Volleyball perfect at home

**Lindsey Schoewe**  
Volleyball Beat Writer

The Troy volleyball team had another win at home beating Alabama State in straight sets on Tuesday night.

Freshmen middle hitter Kiah Cheatham served the ball across the net on Alabama State's side of the court, getting an ace to win the game.

Cheatham was second highest in kills with seven, while Darby Griff led the team with eight kills.

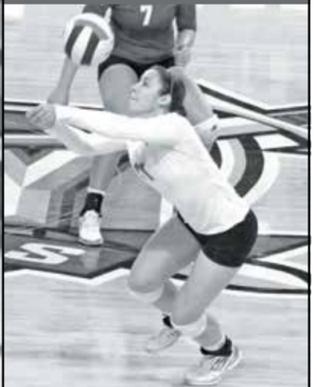
"I was so happy that I served the ball and got an ace on game point. It made me feel more confident in my serving," Cheatham said.

Much of the spotlight has been placed on senior libero Courtney Cohen, who played the first two sets of the three.

Cohen is drawing closer to breaking the career record for digs now only needing 22 to set the career mark after recording nine digs in the Tuesday match. This weekend Cohen plans on breaking the dig record she has been chasing for so



**Courtney Cohen**  
Dig Watch



**22 To Go**

Until she breaks the Troy career dig record

Visarut Pawawongsak photos

The Trojan volleyball team celebrates during the straight set pounding of Alabama State on Tuesday night in Troy.

long.

"I hope I can break the record, but I am focusing on this weekend's competition and winning," Cohen said. "I am surrounded by amazing teammates and a support system. I wouldn't be able to do anything without

the blocker or the setters, plus it shows how far we have come as a team."

Head Coach Sonny Kirkpatrick was happy about the win, but is now turning his attention to the final tournament before Sun Belt Conference play opens up at

home against Western Kentucky on Sept. 27.

"At points we played really well, and at points we didn't play well," said Kirkpatrick. "I am proud of the girls for the win, but now we need to focus for this weekend."

The Trojans are on the road this weekend for the Clemson Classic where the team will first face Delaware on Friday at 3:30 p.m. followed by Clemson and Alabama on Saturday.

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well Robinson knows his own team, but how well he knows his opponents.

"They are young all over, so they are not the same team we saw last year," Robinson said.

As the Trojans prepare to enter Davis Wade Stadium, one of the biggest challenges they have to take into consideration is the Bulldog's trademark, the cowbell.

"Noise doesn't bother us," Blakeney said. "What bothers me is the big SEC football team we are going to have to line up with."

After escaping Troy with a win last season, Mississippi State went on to finish the season with an 8-5 record, falling

34-20 to 21st ranked Northwestern in the Gator Bowl.

This year's Bulldog team has only six starting seniors, three on offense and three on defense, and the SEC team has not exactly hit the ground running in 2013.

Opening the season at home to No. 13 Oklahoma State was a 21-3 loss for the Bulldogs followed by a week two 51-7 romp of FCS school Alcorn State.

Last Saturday, Mississippi State was

unable to stop an Auburn fourth quarter comeback on the road falling 24-20 to the still unbeaten Tigers.

Last year, mistakes cost Troy against the Bulldogs, but for Blakeney, finding a way to get the W is what it all comes down to this weekend.

"Its always good to win no matter where you are, the corn patch, Troy or Starkville," Blakeney said.

### Oregon, continued from page 8

likely be unbeaten late in the season fighting for a shot to probably play Alabama, who has paced college football for the past half-decade?

In this final year of the BCS beauty contest before a playoff system why not pick one of the two West Coast girls who are duking it out with one month left in the season?

Sorry Ohio State, but when you go undefeated in a conference that has slipped into irrelevancy you might as well just grab a spot on the couch next to Louisville to watch two teams that matter play a game.

Oregon v. Stanford is the matchup that could shape one half of the national championship picture on one Thursday night and lead to the mighty Crimson Tide falling come January.



was an unlikely 17-14 upset on the road.

The Ducks more than validated its case for making last year's national championship game by beating No. 7 Kansas State 35-17 in the Fiesta Bowl, while No. 1 Notre Dame folded like a cheap tent to Alabama 42-14.

As for Stanford, the Nike University dream killers, all the Cardinal did was finish the season (12-2) with an impressive Rose Bowl victory against Wisconsin 20-14.

The PAC 12 has two heavyweights and they go head to head on Thursday, Nov. 7, in Palo Alto.

This is the game of, maybe not the century, but at least 2013.

What is better than two teams that will both most

## Pigskin Picks

**Week 4**  
Current  
Leader:

Lindsey Schoewe



**Andrew Clay**  
(22-8)



**Caleb Odom**  
(18-12)



**Devin Smith**  
(19-11)



**James Travis**  
(22-8)



**Jill Odom**  
(16-14)



**Lindsey Schoewe**  
(23-7)



**Joshua Thurston**  
(19-11)



**Zach Winslett**  
(20-10)

### The Lineup

Matchup	Andrew Clay	Caleb Odom	Devin Smith	James Travis	Jill Odom	Lindsey Schoewe	Joshua Thurston	Zach Winslett
#3Clemson @ NC State	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers
Boise St @ Fresno St	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Bulldogs	Broncos	Broncos
Troy @ Mississippi St	Bulldogs	Trojans	Trojans	Bulldogs	Trojans	Bulldogs	Trojans	Bulldogs
N Carolina @ Ga Tech	Yellow Jackets	Yellow Jackets	Yellow Jackets					
Utah St @ USC	Kiffins	Aggies	Kiffins	Kiffins	Kiffins	Kiffins	Kiffins	Kiffins
Tennessee @ #19Florida	Gators	Gators	Gators	Gators	Volunteers	Gators	Gators	Gators
Mich St @ #22Notre Dame	Fighting Irish	Spartans	Fighting Irish	Spartans	Fighting Irish	Fighting Irish	Fighting Irish	Spartans
Auburn @ #6LSU	Bayou Bengals	Bayou Bengals	Bayou Bengals					
Kansas St @ Texas	Wildcats	Wildcats	Wildcats	Longhorns	Longhorns	Longhorns	Longhorns	Wildcats
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## Oregon Stanford: best game of 2013

Caleb Odom  
Sports Editor

The new hip thing in college football is to label games like the LSU v. Alabama game in 2011 or the Texas A&M v. Alabama in 2012 as the "game of the century" that year.

So it came as no surprise that the label for the game of the century in 2013 was given to the Alabama v. Texas A&M rematch game that was last week.

If you don't know the score of that game, well maybe this college football column is not too high on your list of priorities in life.

For those who do, either a vein on their temple begins to bulge in rage or a sense of pride fills their heart with the result of last week's biggest game.

But it was while Johnny Manziel was battling T.J. Yeldon for the award of biggest chump on the field at College Station that No. 2 Oregon was quietly beating Tennessee to a pulp in its all-yellow track suits.

The Ducks aren't just winning, they are turning the blender on full blast and taking the top off so when the game is finally over, the other team is questioning if they are even in FBS anymore.

The Tennessee 59-14 win was just the latest example of what Oregon is capable of.

The funny thing was that the Ducks were singing the same song last year until Nov. 17, 2012, when they met Stanford, the only team that had an answer for the speed demons, packing their bags for the BCS game in January.

The difference in Oregon going undefeated in 2012, playing Alabama in Miami instead of Notre Dame, was a 37-yard field goal in overtime that

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# Troy ready for Gardner-Webb

Caleb Odom  
Sports Editor

The Troy soccer team (3-5) lost last Friday, Sept. 13, to Jacksonville State but won decisively on Sunday, Sept. 15, to Murray State with just two matches remaining until Sun Belt Conference play kicks off.

It was on Friday that the Trojans fell 1-0 to Jax State in a match that went to overtime.

"I think Friday we established a very good way of play, a good style of play against a quality opponent and we didn't give them a lot of chances, a lot of looks at the goal at all," Troy head coach Chris Bentley said.

Bentley said it just came down to the Trojans having some bad luck in the overtime.

The Murray State match on Sunday would prove a rebound game for Troy, who won 4-2.

"We found ourselves in good positions to win the ball back if we turned it over," Bentley said. "We just capitalized on our chances. We scored four in that game off of good chances, and I think we could have scored more."

Down one goal after one half of play, the Trojans tied the match 1-1 when freshman Nece Jennings scored in the 60th minute with Louise Cheng and Jane Latif on the assisting.

It was with the game tied at one that freshman Abby Reynolds found the net twice to put Troy well in control of the match



April Irvin photo

**Abby Reynolds scored two goals in the Murray State win.**

3-1.

Senior Maddie Tieken would answer Murray State's second goal in the 83rd minute with a fourth goal for the Trojans in the 90th minute to close out the match positively.

Troy goalkeeper Caitlin Buono was solid in the crease holding Murray State to two goals and recording three saves in 90 minutes.

Bentley was pleased with how his team regained control of the

ball when it turned it over.

"If I had to be honest, I would have to say that Murray State was a much better team than Jacksonville State is as well."

Supporting the attack to Bentley leads into better support if the ball is turned over, which translates to more effective ball control and more chances to score.

"In previous times we've sent balls that might not have had good support to the attack so we turned the ball over and then they are coming back at us," Bentley said.

Troy now shifts its focus to the match at home this Friday, Sept. 20, at 4 p.m. against Gardner-Webb (2-5-2).

"I think realistically, they are going to bring the ability to keep the ball," Bentley said of Gardner-Webb. "I think they slow the play down a little bit so the rhythm of play will mean that we are going to have to kind of speed it up against them in a sense and play our style of play."

After the Friday match, Troy soccer is back on the road to take on Kennesaw State on Sunday, Sept. 22, at noon.

These two matches are all that stands between the Trojans and conference play so Bentley is looking at these two games to prepare his team for whatever the Sun Belt throws at them.

"The most important thing is that we get ourselves geared up so that we play consistently for 90 minutes the way we play."

# Mississippi State rematch



Joshua Thurston photo, Seth Nicholson cartoon

**Troy safety Chris Pickett attempts to make a tackle in the 2012 Mississippi State Troy game that the Trojans lost 30-24.**

## Trojans head to Starkville to exact some revenge on the Bulldogs

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After a disappointing defeat in the conference opener Thursday against Arkansas State 41-34, the Troy football team (2-1) looks to its next road challenge against Mississippi State this Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on FSN.

This game is the second installment of a matchup that began last year when Mississip-

pi State was the first SEC team to ever come to Troy for a game, and the Bulldogs took the victory from the Trojans 30-24.

Now the Trojans are on their way to Starkville looking for a little payback.

"Always going to an SEC team, you get to prove why you are playing college football," said senior quarterback Corey Robinson. "Hopefully you can show those schools that they messed up by not giving you a chance."

Robinson has more than made his point, having passed for 343 yards in last year's matchup against Mississippi State, and totaled 870 yards in the air so far this season alone.

Head coach Larry Blakeney summed it up when he said "I think we have guys on offense that we know can move the football."

However, the question often is not how

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